CITY OF LONG BEACH

Community Budget Meeting

Interpretation Services are Available

- We invite everyone to participate in their language of choice and be part of this multilingual space
- Interpretation services are provided for the following:
  - Spanish
  - Khmer
  - Tagalog
  - ASL

Community Budget Meeting Program

- 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
  - Welcome & Opening Remarks
  - City Manager Remarks
  - Community Budget Activity
  - Q&A

Meet the Team

Tom Modica
City Manager

April Walker
Assistant City Manager

DeMario Johnson
Budget Analyst

Ami Licea
Budget Analyst

Department Representatives

- Community Development
- Economic Development & Opportunity
- Energy & Environmental Services
- Fire
- Health & Human Services
- Library, Arts, & Culture
- Parks, Recreation & Marine
- Police
- Public Works
- Technology and Innovation

City Manager Remarks

FY 26 Overview

Committed to Maintaining Established Ongoing Programs while Managing Fiscal Challenges Responsibly

FY 26 Adopted Budget is $3.7 billion supporting our diverse community

"Tightened the belt" without cutting services or programs to the community

Addressed urgent one-time needs in ways that do not add to the structural shortfall

Reflects the values of our community and promotes a Long Beach where everyone can thrive

Preparing for FY 27

Long Beach is not immune to national factors impacting local economies nationwide. The City is navigating a period of uncertainty due to a myriad of factors: loss of federal funding, federal fiscal policy changes (i.e. tariffs), declining consumer confidence, inflation, and overall slowed economic growth. These factors impact local revenue sources such as sales and property taxes.

The City of Long Beach remains committed to making the tough decisions necessary to protect our financial health, prioritize core services, and prevent budget challenges from worsening.

The FY 27 projection included in the Adopted FY 26 Budget was $39.3M, approximately a $60.5M shortfall over the next 5 years; this projection will be updated later this year. Solutions will need to be identified as we monitor troubling signs in the national, state and local economy.

Federal Fiscal Policy Shifts

Shifts in fiscal policy at the federal level have resulted in loss, or potential loss, of federal funding for Long Beach, which the City cannot easily replace with local funding.

Department	Approx. Funding Impact	Service Impact
Health and Human Services	~ $17.9M*	Fewer households served; reduced public health and housing support
Public Works	~ $221M*	Project delays and scaled-back infrastructure improvements
Airport	~ $49M*	Delayed or limited federally funded airport upgrades
Economic Development and Opportunity	~ $5M	Reduced small business and workforce assistance
Library, Arts, and Culture	~ $0.5M	Fewer arts, literacy, and cultural programs
Police	~ $0.2M	Limited grant-funded public safety initiatives
Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response	~ $8.6M	Reduced training, equipment aquation and emergency plan development for public safety departments
Total Approx. Funding Impact		~ $302.2M

***Departments funding impacts include potential impacts, as well as actual impacts.*
***Important note:** These impacts reflect changes in federal funding and are not the result of City of Long Beach budget decisions.*

Early Community Engagement

- Community Meetings and Budget Priority Survey will be conducted in January and February:

Thursday, January 22 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, January 24 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Wednesday, January 28 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, January 29 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Monday, February 2 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, February 5 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Ernest McBride Community Center - 1550 Martin Luther King Jr Ave	Silverado Park Community Center - 1545 W 31 St	Recreation Park Community Center - 4900 E. 7th St	Virtual: Zoom Webinar	Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park - 6301 Myrtle Ave	Billie Jean King Main Library - 200 W. Broadway
>>RSVP	>>RSVP	>>RSVP	>>RSVP	>>RSVP	>>RSVP

- Community feedback will be provided to the City Council prior to the development of the FY 27 Budget.
- More information can be found here: **longbeach.gov/FY27**

Budget Activity– Instructions

Participating in Today's Community Discussion

- Stay seated, no need to move. City staff from multiple departments will come to you!
- Interpreters are here to support language access needs.
- You will have approximately 55 minutes at your table to engage in an open conversation about which City programs and services matter most to you.
- We want to hear from you! We encourage you to share your thoughts, comments, and questions.
- Notetaker will be at every table to capture notes. City staff will be available to answer questions and guide the conversation.
- Comments from tonight, along with the Budget Priority Survey results, will be synthesized and reported back to Council and the public in the spring as a part of the annual budget process.

Ground Rules

- **Be respectful** - This is not a debate, differing opinions and ideas are worthy of respect and consideration.
- **Take space, give space** so that all who wish to engage can. When speaking with staff, be aware of others who may wish to also engage.
- **Speak on behalf of your own personal experience** and avoid speaking on behalf of others or generalize any other group.

Guiding Prompts

As we plan for a challenging budget year, we want to work alongside the community to shape budget decisions that are rooted in fairness, transparency, and your lived experiences. Please help us better understand which services and programs most contribute to your well-being and to the success of Long Beach communities.

Which programs or services are most essential in supporting your well-being and quality of life?

Which programs or services contribute the least to your well-being and quality of life that you could do away with?

Q&A with the City Manager and Department Representatives

Budget Priority Survey

To complete the survey in a language other than English, Please click the link and toggle over the top right corner. Here, you will be able to choose Spanish, Tagalog, or Khmer.

The survey close on February 6, 2026, at 11:00pm

www.longbeach.gov/fy27

More info on the 2030 Strategic Vision: www.longbeach.gov/vision2030

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